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REMARKS

Claims 7-11, and 14-15, and 17-34 were currently pending in the Application. The Examiner has withdrawn claims 7-11, 14, 15, 17-25 and 28-33 from consideration. Applicant has amended claims 26 and 34. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicant submits that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 26, 27 and 34 will remain pending in the application.

Objection to the Drawings- Proposed Drawing Correction

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as allegedly not showing every feature of claims 26 and 34. Applicants respectfully submit the following proposed drawing correction for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants propose amending FIG. 4A to explicitly show door 411 from the front view that is the bottom line of the figure. Paragraph 64 has been amended to specify door 411. Upon acceptance by the Examiner, Applicants will prepare formal drawings in accordance with the proposed amendment to the drawings.

Claim Objections

In section 6, the Examiner objected to claim 34. Applicant has amended the claim as suggested and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

In sections 7-13, the Examiner rejected claims 26, 27, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. section 102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,814,532 to Zimlich, Jr., et al. In response, Applicant traverses the rejection. However, Applicant has amended claims 26, 27 and 34 without prejudice and solely to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, the rejection is moot. Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

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CONCLUSION OF REMARKS

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

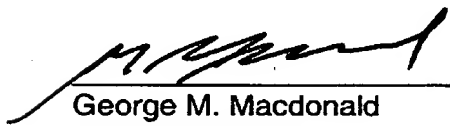
If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-428.

Respectfully submitted,



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